

CLAIMS:

No claim amendments are herewith proposed, and the following list of claims is provided simply for the convenience of the Examiner.

The Claims:

1-25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving a request to credit a prepaid account associated with a subscriber, where the request indicates a particular tariff scheme from a plurality of tariff schemes, where a tariff scheme defines how calls are to be charged;

in response to crediting the prepaid account according to the request, setting a current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber to be the particular tariff scheme;

in response to a call being initiated by a subscriber, determining, by a processor, the current tariff scheme; and

charging the prepaid account for the call based at least in part on the current tariff scheme.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, where determining the current tariff scheme comprises:

determining a current tariff model associated with the subscriber from a plurality of tariff models, where a tariff model comprises at least one tariff scheme; and

determining the current tariff scheme from the at least one tariff scheme in the current tariff model.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, where determining the current tariff scheme from the at least one tariff scheme is based at least in part on at least one of: a current time, a current day and a number being called.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, where setting the current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber comprises setting a current tariff model associated with

the subscriber from a plurality of tariff models, where a tariff model comprises at least one tariff scheme.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, where the request comprises a voucher identifier and the particular tariff scheme is a tariff scheme associated with the voucher identifier.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, where the voucher identifier is associated with a voucher type, and the method further comprises:

determining whether the voucher type is an allowed voucher type for the prepaid account;
and

in response to determining that the voucher type is an allowed voucher type, crediting the prepaid account.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising in response to determining that the voucher type is not an allowed voucher type, informing the subscriber that the voucher type is not an allowed voucher type.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, where the request to credit the prepaid account is a first request to credit and the particular tariff scheme is a first particular tariff scheme, and

the method further comprises:

receiving a second request to credit the prepaid account, where the second request indicates a second particular tariff scheme from the plurality of tariff schemes; and

in response to crediting the prepaid account according to the second request, setting the current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber to be the second particular tariff scheme.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, where the first particular tariff scheme is different from the second particular tariff scheme.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising at least one processor; and at least one memory including computer program code, the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:

- to receive a request to credit a prepaid account associated with a subscriber, where the request indicates a particular tariff scheme from a plurality of tariff schemes, where a tariff scheme defines how calls are to be charged;

- in response to crediting the prepaid account according to the request, to set a current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber to be the particular tariff scheme;

- in response to a call being initiated by a subscriber, to determine the current tariff scheme;
- and

- to charge the prepaid account for the call based at least in part on the current tariff scheme.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, where, when determining the current tariff scheme, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to cause the apparatus:

- to determine a current tariff model associated with the subscriber from a plurality of tariff models, where a tariff model comprises at least one tariff scheme; and

- to determine the current tariff scheme from the at least one tariff scheme in the current tariff model.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, where determining the current tariff scheme from the at least one tariff scheme is based at least in part on at least one of: a current time, a current day and a number being called.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, where setting the current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber comprises setting a current tariff model associated with the subscriber from a plurality of tariff models, where a tariff model comprises at least one tariff scheme.

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, where the request comprises a voucher identifier and the particular tariff scheme is a tariff scheme associated with the voucher identifier.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 39, where the voucher identifier is associated with a voucher type, and the apparatus further comprises:

determining whether the voucher type is an allowed voucher type for the prepaid account;
and

in response to determining that the voucher type is an allowed voucher type, crediting the prepaid account.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, where the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to cause the apparatus, in response to determining that the voucher type is not an allowed voucher type, to inform the subscriber that the voucher type is not an allowed voucher type.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, where the request to credit the prepaid account is a first request to credit and the particular tariff scheme is a first particular tariff scheme, and

the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to cause the apparatus:

to receive a second request to credit the prepaid account, where the second request indicates a second particular tariff scheme from the plurality of tariff schemes; and

to set the current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber to be the second particular tariff scheme in response to crediting the prepaid account according to the second request.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, where the first particular tariff scheme is different from the second particular tariff scheme.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, where the apparatus is embodied in a wireless network node.

45. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a request to credit a prepaid account associated with a subscriber, where the request indicates a particular tariff scheme from a plurality of tariff schemes, where a tariff scheme defines how calls are to be charged;

means for setting a current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber to be the particular tariff scheme in response to crediting the prepaid account according to the request;

means for determining the current tariff scheme in response to a call being initiated by a subscriber; and

means for charging the prepaid account for the call based at least in part on the current tariff scheme.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, where the means for determining the current tariff scheme comprises:

means for determining a current tariff model associated with the subscriber from a plurality of tariff models, where a tariff model comprises at least one tariff scheme; and

means for determining the current tariff scheme from the at least one tariff scheme in the current tariff model.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 46, where determining the current tariff scheme from the at least one tariff scheme is based at least in part on at least one of: a current time, a current day and a number being called.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, where the means for setting the current tariff scheme associated with the subscriber comprises means for setting a current tariff model associated with the subscriber from a plurality of tariff models, where a tariff model comprises at least one tariff scheme.

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, where the request comprises a voucher identifier and the particular tariff scheme is a tariff scheme associated with the voucher identifier.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, where the voucher identifier is associated with a voucher type, and the apparatus further comprises:

means for determining whether the voucher type is an allowed voucher type for the prepaid account; and

means for crediting the prepaid account in response to determining that the voucher type is an allowed voucher type.